

Meadowood Moments

A Community Newsletter



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MNA Board Moment



Thank You Meadowood!

November is here and our thoughts turn to home and holidays. Here at the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, we are so grateful for the opportunities we have to serve our community and do our best to make a difference.

I am personally grateful to be part of the MNA Board where every member goes above and beyond to ensure that MNA is doing its best to improve our neighborhood.

This Thanksgiving, we extend a warm thank you to everyone who has supported the Meadowood Neighborhood Association. Whether you have participated in our Annual Festival, come to our General Meetings, wrote an article for the Meadowood Moment Newsletter, or simply by reading this Newsletter. We appreciate the support, both seen and unseen, you have given to us. Wishing you a meaningful Thanksgiving holiday, filled with special family moments!

— Zohra Nacer, MNA Media Officer

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Calendar of Events

MNA Annual Meeting: November 8th,
6:00 to 7:30 pm, Mission Viejo Library

Meadowood Handcrafters: Tuesdays,
9:30 am to 12:00 pm, Meadowood Church

Council Member Town Meetings: Ward V
(Alison Coombs), November 18th,
10:30 am-12:00 pm, Mission Viejo Library

Meadowood Moment

Scouting For Food: Sat. November 4th



Scouting for Food is a Good Turn project of the Boy Scouts of America. Scouts from Pack 734 will drop off flyers and pick up from your porch a week later on November 11.

Pack 734 is seeking food donations from our neighbors which will be placed in Meadowood Church Food Bank. The donations help others who are less fortunate and in need. Please help scouts helping others!

What to Donate: Non-perishable food items (cans, boxes, bags), toiletries, disposable diapers, baby food, etc. Please – nothing that needs refrigeration!

Who Benefits? Anyone in need - The food bank is open to anyone in the community. If you have any questions, please contact us at AuroraPack734@gmail.com.

Thank you for your help and for caring about other people!

— The Scouts of Pack 734



You Are Invited To Join The MNA Annual Meeting

November 8th from 6 to 7:30 pm, Mission Viejo Library

MNA holds bi-monthly meetings and we call the November Meeting "Annual" because:

- We review MNA annual plans for the coming year - 2024.
- We request input from Meadowood residents to suggest what more MNA can do for the neighborhood.

Stop by for the latest updates on what's happening in our community and to review our annual budget and programs. Join us in person, or via Zoom.

City of Aurora

Eagle Park Lighting Issue

We appreciate your inquiry regarding the addition of lighting in Eagle Park. I am glad to inform you that Eagle Park is currently undergoing a partial renovation project. Your valuable input has been forwarded to our design team for their thoughtful evaluation and consideration as we proceed with the park's enhancement. To learn more about ongoing projects please visit Auroragov.org/PROS and follow the links to the Planning, Design, and Construction page. If you have any additional questions or comments please feel free to email us at parks@auroragov.org or call us at 303-739-7160.

Volunteer With Snow Busters

The city's Housing and Community Services Department is preparing for the snow season by recruiting volunteers for the Snow Busters program. This program pairs volunteers with people who live within three miles of them, are incapable of shoveling after a snowfall due to age, disability or other conditions, and have limited financial resources.



To volunteer as a Snow Buster, you must:

- Commit to assisting the resident in need for an entire snow season, beginning in the fall and ending in the spring
- Shovel the public sidewalk of the resident within 24 hours of a snowfall of two (2) inches or more
- Be 14 years of age or older
- Pass a background check

Volunteers commit to helping one person for one snow season. This is a great volunteer project for families, church groups, scout troops, and other groups. Apply today at AuroraGov.org/Volunteer. Call 303-739-7280 with questions. exceeds the number of available volunteers, there may be a wait list before a match can be made.

Aurora & Drought

Colorado has a semi-arid environment and is a drought-prone state. The Front Range receives approximately 15 inches of precipitation in the form of rain and snow on an annual basis, which is insufficient moisture to meet the needs for most non-native landscapes without supplemental irrigation. During water shortages, water must be prioritized to meet potable needs for life, safety and health. To learn more about Aurora's drought situation, water conservation and more, visit AuroraWater.org.

In an effort to conserve water while still providing high quality outdoor spaces for residents to enjoy, the city of Aurora has put into place a number of water conservation efforts, including turf conversion in parks around the city.

Turf Conversion

In parks across the city, Parks, Recreation and Open Space staff are converting areas of Kentucky bluegrass turf to water-efficient alternatives, such as native grasses in low-usage areas or drought-tolerant Bermuda turf in high-usage areas. This conversion will reduce water usage in these areas by 70 percent, conserving millions of gallons of water while still providing ample space in our parks for public use and enjoyment.

One location of turf conversion is located on the medians of S. Buckley Road. The conversion process began in May 2023 and seeding has taken place. Initial growth will take place over the following months.

As work is being done, guests may see areas at this location with brown grass or patches of dirt. This is part of the conversion process and is normal. If there is an area of concern, please email AuroraParks@auroragov.org or call Access Aurora at 303-739-7000.



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The deadline for advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th.

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Meadowood Neighborhood Aurora >

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Mary's Moment

Honey Pig: When Mud & Dirt Are Synonyms of Cuteness!

Our Meadowood Neighborhood Association members outdid themselves in August with a wonderful festival in the center of our development. Many children in our area have probably never been to a farm or seen farm animals. Well, we had horses, goats, chickens, rabbits, sheep, ducks and my favorite, Honey Pig!!! When I got there the animal owner was busy setting up a fence to contain Honey and brought a bowl of water for her. Immediately Honey put her foot on the edge of her water bowl and emptied it. The owner went right back to his truck and brought out a big water container and a small

pool. As he was adding water Honey put her foot on the edge and immediately emptied the pool! Well, I kept an eye on Honey and realized Honey was making her pig sty right in the center of the park! She needed mud, and lots of it! Each time I went back she had uprooted more grass and her face got dirtier and dirtier as she dug. She was happier and happier and I was more and more tickled! Before leaving, I made another check on Honey. Wow was she dirty all over! Several weeks later I went back to Honey's area. Someone must have moved the sod back into place to keep our park beautiful. Please come back next year, Honey Pig!

— Mary Metcalf, Meadowood Resident





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- Successfully lobbied the State Legislature and the Governor to **make all motor vehicle thefts a felony.**
- **Supports tougher camping ban** for the city of Aurora.



The Denver Gazette

EDITORIAL: Reelect Mike Coffman as Aurora mayor

"Aurora has never before had a mayor quite like Mike Coffman. And it's not just because of the lifelong Auroran's extraordinary resume ... **It's also because he speaks his mind, does what he thinks is right and blazes his own trails** — whether or not it's popular with the press or the political class."

—Denver Gazette, Oct. 2, 2023

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City of Aurora Moments

Aurora Public Library's Catrina Ball

Saturday, Nov. 4, 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Be part of the inaugural Catrina Ball, a top party in Aurora! Experience a festively transformed Central Library with larger-than-life Catrinas (traditional day of the dead skeleton figures) celebrating and honoring Día de los Muertos, delicious culinary temptations and libations while enjoying live music on the dance floor. This unique fundraiser dinner is designed to be a fun cultural experience while supporting a great cause at a big, elegant fiesta. Dress up for the occasion (black tie with a Catrina twist) and join this special, limited-ticketed fall event. Individual tickets are \$150 in advance and \$200 at the door.

*Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway
Information and tickets: AuroraGov.org*

History Hike at Coal Creek Arena

Saturday, Nov. 4, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Appreciate the important roles topography, plants and animals play in our environment and how they have influenced history, folklore and culture during an enjoyable guided hike with a city of Aurora naturalist. This hike will focus specifically on the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918. Ages 13 and older; free

Coal Creek Arena, 20255 E. Sixth Ave.

"Indescribable"

Friday, Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2 p.m. (masked performance)
and 7:30 p.m. (access performance)

Sunday, Nov. 5, 2 p.m.

Join Phamaly Theatre Company in collaboration with America's Got Talent Season 6 runners-up, The Silhouettes, to produce the first-ever epic dance production in the company's history. Appropriate for all ages, this show will feature shadow dance combined with unique disability-affirming storytelling.

Aurora Fox Arts Center, 9900 E. Colfax Ave.

Information and tickets: AuroraFoxArtsCenter.org

"Beyond the Storefront: A Journey Through Aurora's Past" Exhibit

Through Sunday, Nov. 5

The Aurora History Museum celebrates the city's businesses and industries in the new exhibit, "Beyond the Storefront: A Journey Through Aurora's Business Past." The exhibit showcases over 130 years of history on how business drove Aurora's growth from a small Denver suburb to the third-largest city in Colorado. Stop in to check out this and other unique exhibits; admission to the museum is always free.

Aurora History Museum, 15051 E. Alameda Parkway

More information: AuroraMuseum.org

United Against Hate Panel Discussion

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6 to 8 p.m.

Join the city of Aurora and community partners in a thought-provoking panel discussion on hate crimes. Key topics include understanding, reporting and preventing hate crimes. The featured key speaker will be Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser. The event is free, and registration is required by emailing officeofdei@auroragov.org. The event will also be streamed online at AuroraTV.org.

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BALLOTS ARRIVE MID-OCTOBER!

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- ☑ Juan Marcano for Mayor
- ☑ Alison Coombs for Aurora City Council At-Large
- ☑ Chris Rhodes for Aurora City Council Ward V



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National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week

Every year, during the first full week in November (*beginning with a Sunday*), The Humane Society of the United States observes National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week. The goal of the week-long celebration is to recognize and show appreciation to animal shelters and the individuals who care for homeless animals.

How can YOU participate in the celebration?

- If it's within your means, open your heart and home and adopt a homeless animal.
- Volunteer at your local shelter. There are many jobs to be done. Call the shelter and ask what you can do. Walk the dogs, read to the animals, just spend time with them. It will break up and relieve some of the emotional stress of their day. Many of these dogs were someone's pets before they were in a shelter. They are scared, lonely, and totally confused as to what is going on and why they are there.
- Most shelters work on very tight budgets and can only provide the basics. You can help make conditions a little better by your generous donations. Call your local shelter to see if they have a wish list or any special needs. Blankets, beds, towels, toys, and food are some things that are always needed.
- Monetary donations are always appreciated as well.

City of Aurora

Paról Lantern Workshop at Central Library

Saturday, Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Join the Philippine American Society of Colorado (PASCO) and the Aurora History Museum to create a traditional star-shaped Filipino paper lantern. These lanterns have become symbolic of the Philippines and Filipino Christmas. Supplies will be provided, and experienced Paról makers will guide you through the process, PASCO will also provide traditional Filipino Christmas Merienda (snacks). \$12 per lantern kit – Registration coming soon.

Festival of Wreaths Opening and Fundraiser

Wednesday, Nov. 15. See this year's wreaths created by our community and bid in live and silent auctions that help fund the exhibits, programs, and outreach you love at Aurora History Museum. This event will include food, drink, entertainment, speeches by important museum supporters, and more. Join the Aurora Museum Foundation for their biggest fundraiser of the year. Free.

Smoky Hill High School 39th Annual Craft Fair

Saturday, November 4, 9am-3pm
16100 E Smoky Hill Rd, Aurora, CO 80015

Cooking Moment

Cranberry Sauce

- 12 ounces cranberries
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup orange juice



Dissolve sugar in the orange juice in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the cranberries and cook until they start to pop, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and place sauce in a bowl. It will thicken as it cools.

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Meadowood Report November 2023

UPDATE

After a prosperous and distinguished career in real estate, Terry Simmons, a highly respected figure in the industry, has decided to retire. With decades of experience and a reputation for integrity and expertise, Terry has decided to pass the torch to a promising agent, PJ Ausmus. Endorsing PJ as his successor, Terry believes that PJ's passion for real estate, coupled with a strong work ethic and dedication to client satisfaction, make him the ideal choice to take over his thriving business. Terry's endorsement comes as a testament to PJ's skills and potential, ensuring clients that they will continue to receive top-notch service under PJ's capable leadership. As Terry bids farewell to the real estate world, he does so with confidence, knowing that he leaves his legacy in capable hands, and that PJ Ausmus will carry on the tradition of excellence he established throughout his illustrious career.

If you have any questions for Terry he can still be reached at
[303-906-9889](tel:303-906-9889).



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